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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT FRG LAW ON
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

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1. WE WELCOME AGREEMENT TO LIMIT RESPONSE TO SOVIETS
TO A BRIEF ORAL REJOINDER, BUT CONTINUE TO PREFER THAT
NO PAPER BE LEFT.

2. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT THE CURRENT BONN GROUP TEXT
BUT WOULD RECOMMEND THAT MINOR MODIFICATIONS BE MADE TO
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REMOVE OVERLY DEFENSIVE TONE AND TO REFLECT FACT THAT

AGREEMENT NOW HAS BEEN REACHED ON GDR-FRG EXCHANGE OF
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

3. PROPOSED MODIFIED TEXT:

(A) FEDERAL LAWS RELATING TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
OF DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS WITH SIMILAR FUNCTIONS WHO
ARE POSTED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAVE FOR MANY
YEARS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN
SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE RESERVATIONS BY THE ALLIED
KOMMANDATURA REGARDING INTER ALIA MATTERS OF STATUS.
THE FEDERAL LAW ON THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
GDR HAS BEEN EXTENDED IN EXACTLY THE SAME MANNER AND

THERE IS NO BASIS THEREFORE FOR THE SOVIETS'
CONTENTION THAT IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE QUADRI-
PARTITE AGREEMENT OR "ILLEGAL".

(B) NOW THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR ON
THE EXCHANGE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN
REACHED, THE ALLIES WILL ENSURE THAT ORDINANCES
UNDER THE LAW ALSO ACCORD WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.
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